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(Continuation of 09/154,156; Filed: September 16, 1998)
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: Herewith
For: **Gel Loading Adapter**
Inventors: Ally et al.
Our Ref: 0942.4360002/LEA/DTJ

Sir:

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Gel Loading Adaptor

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 - i. 14 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (claims 1-28);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 3 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A and 2B);
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Title Gel Loading Adapter
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